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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination in the present application and remain pending upon entry of the instant amendment. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

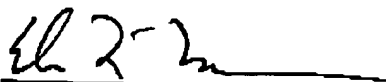
The Office Action requires restriction among the system of Group I (claims 1-12) and the method of Group II (claims 13-20). **Applicants elect the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-12.**

The instant amendment amends claims 13-20 to depend from and conform to the claims of elected Group I. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended claims 13-20 now read on elected Group I. Examination of amended claims 13-20 along with elected claims 1-12 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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